

A Monthly Publication of Janesville, WI Blackhawk Golden "K" Kiwanis Club
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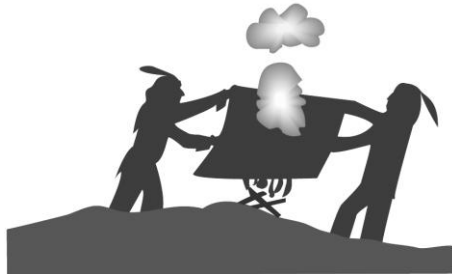
Meeting Each Wed: 9:30AM @ Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI

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"KIWANIS IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME."

PROGRAMS

Chair: **Luci Cramer**

Feb

05 Janesville Convention/Visitors Bureau *Christine Rebout*
 12 24hrs / Endurance Racing in a \$500 Car *Eric Hesser*
 19 Nicaragua _____ *Gregg Dickinson*
 26 Explorer Post _____ *Jennifer Wehmas*


Mar

04 Aging Eye _____ *Kristin Fountaine*

FEBRURARY CLUB CALENDAR

03→08 _____ *TOI Public Card Table Sales (Week 3)*
 05 _____ 9:30 *Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens*
 12 _____ 9:30 *Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens*
 5:00 *Valentines Party @ Italian House*
 17, 18 _____ *Blood Drive @ St. John's Lutheran*
 19 _____ 9:30 *Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens*
 26 _____ 8:30 *Board Meeting @ Rotary Gardens*
 9:30 *Club Meeting @ Rotary Gardens*

Weeks of Feb 24 & Mar 02 -- Meals on Wheels

	GREETERS <i>(Chair: Lon Coppernoll)</i>	RAFFLE <i>(Chair: Maury Frey)</i>	DEVOTIONS <i>(Chair: Ed Timmer)</i>	SINGING <i>(Chair: Wayne Olson)</i>
Feb 05	<i>Curt Larson Richard Heshelman</i>	<i>Dale Henning</i>	<i>Ed Timmer</i>	<i>Wayne Olson</i>
Feb 12	<i>Wayne Olson Bob Douglas</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Lon Coppernoll</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>
Feb 19	<i>Dave Thill Ed Timmer</i>	<i>Glenn Disrude</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>	<i>Richard Johnson</i>
Feb 26	<i>Don Anderson Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Greg Turco</i>	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>John Sarnow</i>
	February: <i>Linda Servais</i>	REFRESHMENTS	March: <i>Dale Henning</i>	

From our PRESIDENT

David Kemp



2020 is well on its way. Our Truck on Ice fund raising continues with our members selling tickets. At this time the weather is not making ICE! We have been there before and have drawings to select the winners if we cannot put the truck on ice. A big thank you to all the volunteers out there selling tickets and managing this event that helps so many children!

Wed. Feb. 12th is our Valentines party at the Italian House. We meet at 5pm to enjoy a good meal and conversation. Sinnissippi Valley Singers will entertain!

Another opportunity to volunteer is our blood drive at St. John Lutheran Church on February 17th and 18th.

With a new year lets be aware of the opportunity to invite possible new members to our meetings.

INTERCLUB NEWS

Chair: *Luci Cramer*



Seven Golden K members attended the Janesville Kiwanis Noon Club on Thursday, January 16th at The Armory. We enjoyed a buffet lunch before the club president introduced 2 Students of the Month from Craig High School and conducted a business meeting.

Greg Turco gave a presentation about our Signature Project, Truck on Ice.

Following was a presentation on Kandu and the upcoming Fundraiser "Grapes and Hops" scheduled for February 14th at The Armory. Sample over 30 varieties of wine and beer poured by local "celebrities" along with delicious hors d'oeuvre pairings by Best Events. Live entertainment by soft rock soloist Duane Worden..

Representing our club were:

Dale Henning Linda Servais Wiley Kessinger
Greg Turco Mike Wolters Luci & Carl Cramer

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting: 01/29/2020

Attendance:

President:	<i>David Kemp</i>	Directors:
President Elect:	<i>Tom Neumann (Abs)</i>	<i>Jerry Burhans (Abs)</i>
Vice President:	<i>Mike Wolters</i>	<i>Don Anderson</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Will Reck</i>	<i>Wayne Olson</i>
Secretary:	<i>Paul Neitzel</i>	<i>Linda Servais</i>
Past President:	<i>David Thill</i>	<i>John Janes</i>
Others Present:	<i>Carl Cramer</i>	<i>Luci Cramer</i>
	<i>Dave Peterson</i>	

Call to Order: 8:05 a.m. by President Kemp

Secretary's Report:

Paul informed the Board that he sent a letter to Blackhawk Tech. to inform them of the Boards decision to discontinue the funding of scholarships and that we have not received any further correspondence. Minutes were approved as printed in the Smoke Signal.

Treasurer's Report:

Will reported that all accounts are liquid and that he paid out four \$500 scholarships to students that are doing very well in school. Will moved to file the report as submitted and was seconded by Linda Servais.

----- OLD BUSINESS -----

Tax Exempt Status:

There was discussion on the costs of implementing the 501c3 tax-exempt program and finding someone to take on the responsibility of doing all the paperwork. The Board decided to table until the next Board meeting to gather more information before taking a vote on this matter.

Truck on Ice:

John Janes informed the Board that T.O.I. is moving along nicely and money is steadily coming in. John said that the Mauer's Grocery store site was moved to the Janesville Mall by Dick's Sporting Goods because of the store closing.

----- NEW BUSINESS -----

Name Tags:

Carl Cramer showed the Board a nametag that the Noon Kiwanis members wear and why he thought it might be a good idea to switch to a new design. Reasons given were that the name on the badge is easier to see and that our current badge is outdated because the motto is no longer used. It was decided to look into the costs of replacing our badges because our current supply of badges will run out at sometime.

Plaque:

Mike Wolters suggested we look into having a plaque on the wall by the entrance to Rotary Gardens. This could announce our meeting place and time similar to the ones at that location for the Morning and Noon Rotary Clubs.

Articles in the Smoke Signal:

Dave Peterson announced that any articles for the March Smoke Signal will be needed by the meeting on Feb. 19th.

Meeting Time Change:

John Janes proposed the idea of moving the Board of Directors meeting time back to the original start time of 8:30a.m. The Board agreed and this will go into effect at our February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paul Neitzel

Brief History of Truck on Ice



Bob Johnson, a former Guidance Counselor at Craig High school, and longtime member of Golden Kiwanis, came up with the idea of placing a truck (*empty shell on chassis*) on ice as a means of raising money for our projects. He had gotten the idea from his father, who was in Kiwanis in Menomonie. His dad had placed a *car* on ice as a fundraiser.

Bob started in 2002, laying the ground work for this project. He consulted with the city of Janesville, the DNR, the Kiwanis Board and went to General Motors for a Chevy body.

In 2003, General Motors supplied a damaged body plus all the pieces such as doors, bumpers, lights, door handles etc. which made a complete enclosed shell. Art Knilans had a frame with wheels to put the completed body on. Why Art Knilans? Because Art's son was a student who was assigned to Bob at Craig High School. Art, who repaired vehicle bodies and also was a welder, said he would help build this truck. Fagan Chevrolet painted this multi colored vehicle the bright red it is today.

Steve Davis from Davis Citgo has been involved since the very beginning. He stores, hauls and moves the truck from venue to venue during the ticket selling stage of the contest, and helps put the truck out on the ice and retrieve it when it falls through. He also drives the flatbed truck which displays the Truck on Ice during the Holiday Parade.

In the past 17 years we have succeeded in raising at least \$15,000. Sometimes more, and one year a little less.

The city determines if the ice is safe. There were two years when there was not enough ice on Traxler Pond to safely put the truck out. Those two years, tickets were drawn from a large tumbler to determine the winners.

In the beginning, Kiwanis men pulled the truck onto the ice by hand. Pete Kealey was the only person to ever get injured in the process when he slipped on the ice and hit his head.

A long cable is attached to the truck before it is hauled out onto the ice. The cable is attached to a post on shore so when the ice melts, we can retrieve our truck and find out when the clock stopped.

The clock was built by Pete Kealey and is rebuilt every year with a new clock and new battery.



Thanks for your support selling tickets to friends, neighbors and complete strangers during our table sales at various business. With everyone's cooperation and hard work, this fundraiser will continue to support programs for children in our area.

John Janes

Truck on Ice Season 2020

Wednesday February 8th is the **LAST CLUB MEETING** to turn in tickets.

This rule keeps the playing field fair for everyone.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE

THANK YOU ! *You make it happen !!!*

- To everyone who volunteered a shift, selling at a table
- To all who purchased guesses for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
- To the special effort for our members who volunteer extra shifts, so that we are able to staff all our scheduled selling locations.

WHO KNOWS ??? *Will the truck go onto the Ice? Will there be a drawing?*

- 1) The City of Janesville Parks Director, Cullen Slapak, tells us when the ice is safe.
- 2) If it isn't on the ice before the Feb. 8th cut-off date, we must go to a drawing.
- 3) If a drawing becomes necessary, Richard Johnson will do the drawing during a regular club meeting, the second week in March.

John is waiting for the City to report the status of the ice to safely get the truck on the Traxler Park lagoon. Target date is Saturday, February 8th. We need your help, but if you cannot, please come out and watch the process.



REMINDER

If you are unable to turn in your sold tickets at the meeting on Wednesday 8th, they may be turned in during sales times at the Janesville Mall or the Blackhawk Credit Union on Court St. on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (Feb 6, 7, 8).

Truck on Ice Committee

Card Table Sales Final Week		Feb 03 (Mon)	Feb 04 (Tue)	Feb 05 (Wed)	Feb 06 (Thur)	Feb 07 (Fri)	Feb 08 (Sat)
		X	X	X			
Jvl. Athletic Club	<i>Black Bridge Rd.</i>	X	X	X			
Basics Coop.	<i>Lodge Street</i>		X				
Janesville Mall	<i>North Court, by DICK's</i>				X	X	X
Blackhawk Cr Union	<i>West Court St.</i>				X	X	X

